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DHS Announces Food Stamp Disaster Relief

(Little Rock--) The Department of Human Services has added more counties to the list of those eligible to receive Food Stamp Disaster Assistance. This program is available to Arkansas residents affected by the recent severe storms and flooding. Under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, residents in Crawford, Newton, Searcy, Sebastian, Washington, Cleburne, Conway, White, Yell, Garland, Hot Spring, Miller, Jefferson, Lee, Phillips, and St. Francis counties may be eligible for temporary food stamp assistance.

Residents in any of the designated counties may be eligible if the household experienced at least one of the following conditions as a direct result of the **March 18, 2008** disaster:

- Loss of food
- Damage to or destruction of the home or self-employment business.
- Loss or inaccessibility of income including a reduction or termination of income or a significant delay in receiving income due to disaster related problems.
- Disaster-related expenses (home or business repairs, temporary shelter, evacuation, etc) that are not expected to be reimbursed during the disaster benefit period.

Please note that residents seeking assistance may apply beginning Monday, April 28, 2008 through Sunday, May 4, 2008 to be eligible for the Food Stamp Disaster Program. To apply, please contact your local DHS office.

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